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REMARKS

INTRODUCTION

Claims 1-11 were previously and are currently pending and under consideration.

Claims 1-11 have been rejected.

Claim 9 has been amended herein.

No new matter is being presented, and approval and entry are respectfully requested.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC § 102

In the Office Action, at pages 3-6, claims 1-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by Fritz. This rejection is traversed and reconsideration is requested.

It is submitted that the arguments in the July 28, 2003 Amendment relating to claims 1 and 6 are applicable to claim 9. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 9 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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